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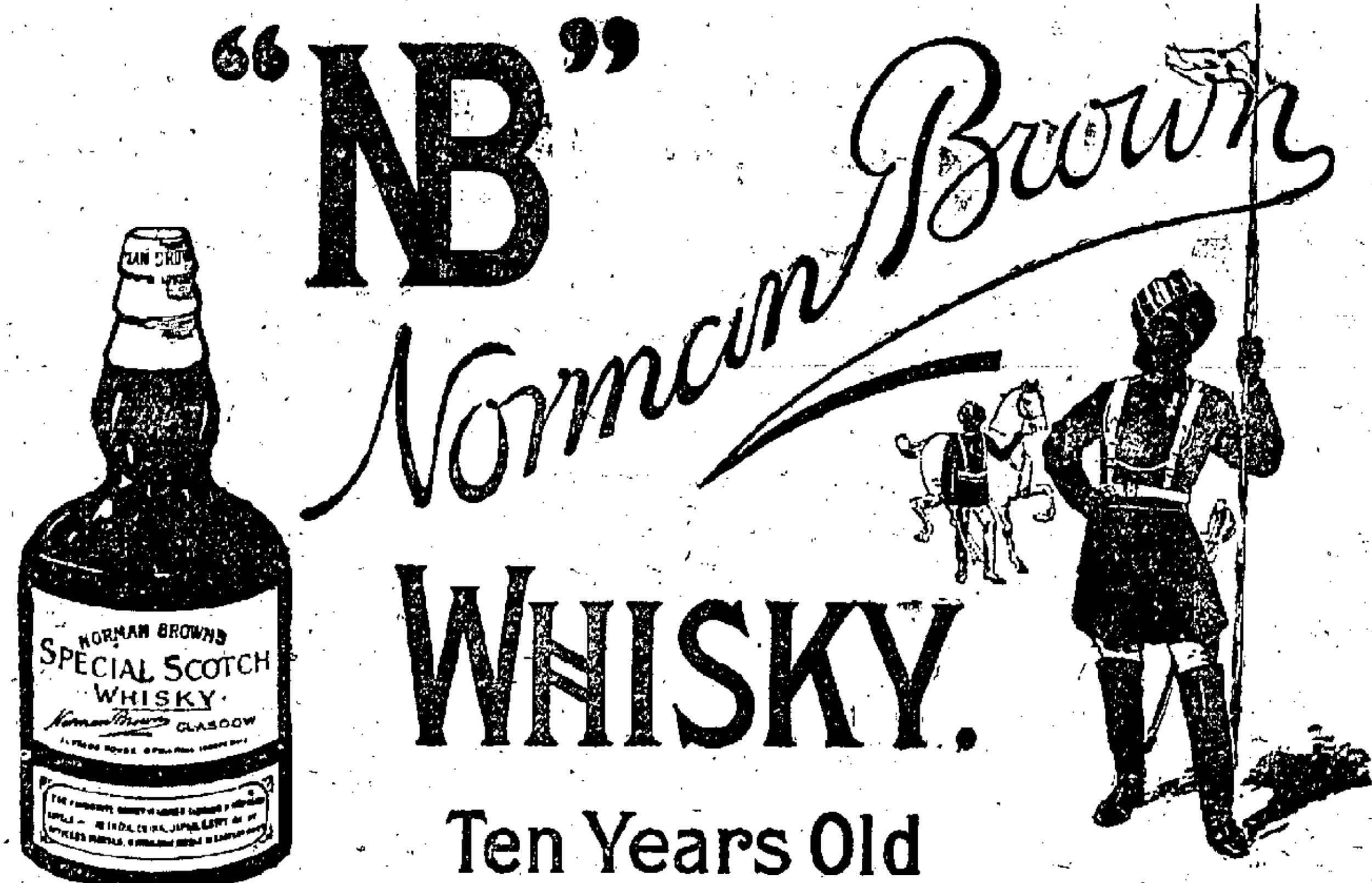
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The Straits







It is reported that the French mail steamers will call once more at Nagasaki, commencing early next year.

M. FLAYELLE, the new French Consul for Canton, arrived here by the Moss. Mar. steamer Melbourne to-day.

THERE were 201 European and 2,340 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending 5th Dec.

A COMPANY of the Rifle Brigade defeated the Singapore C. C. in the semi-final of the Warren Football Shield competition.

MAJOR Retallick, of the Hongkong Regiment, will have the local rank of Lieutenant. Capt. Borger becomes second in command.

At a general meeting of the Shanghai V.C. on the 30th Nov., Mr Cecil Hollday was unanimously elected Commandant of the Corps.

SHARP earthquake shocks were experienced in Colombo on the 17th November and in other parts of Ceylon. No serious damage is reported.

DR Stuebel, the German Consul-General here, and Dr Schrammer, Interpreter, left Shanghai on the 29th Nov., by the Long-moon, for Kiao-chow Bay.

It is expected that, after paying all expenses, the recent open-air fête at Government House in aid of the Church Extension Society's winter relief work amongst the London poor will realize about \$1,600.

ALL steamers from the South report strong monsoons, with high seas. The Port Adelaide arrived from Singapore after being sixteen days out. The Kulsing was twelve days out from Singapore, and the Orates ten days.

H.E. Sir William Robinson has definitely fixed his departure for 1st February, and consequently will not be present at the annual races in the Happy Valley. This is to be regretted, as Sir William undoubtedly has appeared at his best at these social functions.

On Saturday night, Robert Torrance, an engineer on the steamer *Homam*, fell from the first floor verandah of a house. He was removed to the hospital, but died on the way thither. Deceased was thirty-two years of age, and was well known in the Colony.

We are asked to state that the s.s. *Fume*, taking passengers off to the Regatta ship, will leave the new Peder's Wharf and not the Queen's Statue Wharf, as advertised. This arrangement on Regatta days is greatly to be deprecated, as the Peder's Wharf will be crowded enough with ordinary launches without having such an unwieldy craft as the *Fume* brought alongside with a large crowd of passengers.

We are in receipt of a number of calendars from firms in the Colony. Messrs Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. issue a substantial wall calendar of embossed tin, enumerating their various agencies. Messrs Simonsen and Co. issue calendars from the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., of Hamburg, and the Sun Fire Insurance Office, London. Messrs S. J. David and Co. forward the calendar of the South British Insurance Co. The Sperry Flour Co. issue a number of calendars of very tasteful designs.

The Singapore papers for the past week or two have been reporting a large number of fatalities to natives due to crocodiles. The following paragraph from the *Free Press* reports the horrible death of a European in Dutch Borneo:—On the 4th November, at Belak Pagan Bay, the settlement of the Samuel's Oil Syndicate at Kotto, Dutch Borneo, Mr Dunlop, the second engineer of the steamship *Elphinstone*, which had gone there with material for the new oil refinery, was carried off by a crocodile while bathing. It is believed that Mr Dunlop was the only support of his mother and seven sisters.

On Saturday afternoon, a young man, named A. Ellis had, a narrow escape from drowning in the harbour. A preparatory tub race for the regatta was being rowed in two heats—four boats in each heat, the first two to be in the final for the regatta. P. Hyndman, F. H. Hyndman, J. Logan, and F. M. Rosa Pereira were in the first heat, which was won by F. H. Hyndman, Logan being second. F. H. Kew, A. Ellis, J. Rosa Pereira, and M. E. Asgar then rowed in the second heat. The race was rowed in the dark, and soon after starting Ellis collided with a junk, and was thrown into the water. He received a severe blow with the anchor of the junk, but fortunately managed to secure a hold of the upturned tub. The accident was not observed by the other competitors, nor the occupants of the launch following, and Ellis drifted along with the tide. His cries for assistance were heard on board a Naval Yard launch, one of the occupants of which sprang into the water and supported Ellis, who was afterwards taken on board the launch in an exhausted condition by Inspector MacEwan and conveyed to the Victoria Recreation Club, where he soon recovered. The other three tubs continued the race, and upon nearing the winning mark Pereira fouled a sampan and the race was won by Asgar, Kew, and Logan.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "China Mail.")

LONDON, December 3.

## THE GERMAN NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS FOR CHINA.

The German cruisers going to China will probably take extra complements of marines.

## ANOTHER GALE ON THE BRITISH COAST.

Another gale has occurred on the British Coast, and the lifeboat at Margate has capsized, drowning nine of the crew.

## THE RIOTS IN BOHEMIA.

Martial law has been proclaimed at Prague, and the garrison largely reinforced.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notices are issued from the Observatory:—

On the 5th at 11.40 a. Barometric changes are slight. The high pressure area in the North is spreading Eastward to Japan. Pressure is lowest in the S.W. part of the China Sea. Gradients moderate. Forecast:—fresh N. winds; cloudy, probably some light rain.

On the 6th at 11.25 a. The barometer has fallen in W. Japan, risen in S. China. Pressure remains high over China with moderate gradients on the coast and rather steep gradients in the China Sea. Forecast:—strong to fresh N. winds; cloudy, some light rain. Very strong monsoon in N. part of the China Sea.

We hear that Miss Roderic, daughter of Mr J. P. Roderic, British Resident, Belangor, is engaged to be married to Captain Herbert, formerly A.D.C. to H. E. Sir Charles Mitchell. The wedding is to take place in London in January. *Singapore Free Press.*

In his report on Iauk, Mr Whyte, acting manager, says of the latest crushing of which we have already published the results:—This is an improvement, which I have every reason to expect will be kept up if not improved upon in the future.

On the 27th Nov., a number of junks, belonging to local native longes, which had loaded for Kiochou returned to port with their original cargoes on board, and reported that they had been prevented by the Germans from entering the harbour limits of Kiochou, while Tientsin junks already in Kiochou harbour looking for north were also prevented, according to the story of the local junkmen, from leaving the harbour.

H.M.S. *Daphne*, which has been on sailing patrol duty in Behring Sea, was overtaken by the typhoon which caused so much damage in Yokohama, when off the southern coast of the Kurile Islands. The storm must have travelled about 100 miles in 18 hours, an average of 20 miles per hour. Some of the crew were encountered by at least 35 feet in height, but the *Daphne* behaved splendidly throughout the storm.

The following telegram from an Australian paper gives the totals in the match between Stoddard's XI and New South Wales:—Stoddard's team have scored a victory with eight wickets to fall. The innings were:—Stoddard's XI, 1st innings, 200; 2nd innings, 200; New South Wales, 1st innings, 335, and 2nd, 207 for two wickets. Donnan for New South Wales made 104, and for England, MacLennan made 122 and 100, and Ranjit not out 112.

We learn that the trials of the new ice-breaker *Nadachuk* at Vladivostok have been pronounced so satisfactory that it is announced the port will be kept open all through the forthcoming winter, and the ships of the Russian Volunteer Fleet are scheduled to arrive at and depart from Vladivostok all through December, January, February and March. Here is an entirely new phase or factor in the Far Eastern situation and one that should not be lost sight of, for it means an immense advantage to our northern neighbours in any awkward question that may turn up for discussion. *China Gazette.*

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 29th November says:—The many friends of Captain H. F. Somner, who for many years has been in the service of the China Mutual Steamship Company, will regret to learn that the illness from which he has recently been suffering terminated fatally yesterday. It will be remembered that when the *Opuscul* was here about two months ago Captain Somner had a paralytic stroke and was simply taken to the International Hospital. He was found also to be suffering from Bright's disease and other complications, we believe, and death resulted yesterday. Captain Somner was married, and the sympathy of the deceased's many friends will be extended to his widow in England.

A sector of shareholders in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha proposes to demand an extraordinary meeting of the company, and submit the following resolution:—

1.—That Article 43 of the Constitution of the Company be amended, and the funds to be retained as a depreciation reserve reduced by one half.

2.—That the Government be asked to grant a special subsidy for the foreign service of the company, and that in case the position is refused, those services shall be restricted.

The shareholders, it is reported, have become alarmed at the statement that the various reserves under the company's Constitution are deducted, there will be no funds remaining out of which to pay a dividend. *Kobe Chronicle.*

We understand that (says the *N.O. Daily News*) the selection of a suitable person to fill the post of Captain-Superintendent of Police at Shanghai was entrusted by the Municipal Council to Sir Andrew Reed, Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and Mr A. G. Wood, a former Chairman of the Council. The choice has fallen on Mr Pierce B. Patterson, one of the staff of the Royal Irish Constabulary at Clonmel. Mr Patterson, we learn, has never served in the army, but was at one time a member of the Zulu Land Police Force. His appointment will come up for confirmation at to-day's meeting of the Council. The most efficient Superintendent of Police we have ever had in Shanghai was Mr C. E. Penfold, who came here from the London Metropolitan Police, and we are inclined to think that it would have been better to get a man from the same source on this occasion, instead of taking a man from a semi-military body such as the Irish police. Meanwhile, however, we have every confidence in the judgment of the Council's agents at home, and do not doubt that a very satisfactory selection has been made by them.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Sir J. Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Monday, December 6.

## GURDAY AND OTHERS v. DEBILLOS.

The hearing of this suit in equity, in which the defendants seek to obtain from the Court declaration that the defendant purchased a certain lot of land, India Lot 1284, for and on behalf of the plaintiffs, representing the Jewish community in Hongkong, was resumed to-day.

Mr J. J. Francis (instructed by Messrs Deacon and Hastings) appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs; Mr Pollock (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the defendants.

Mr Francis, resuming cross-examination of Mr Debillos, asked, respecting the letter dated 3rd July, requesting the trustees to attend the sale, if he was under the impression that the trustees had given the matter up entirely, and if he (Mr Debillos) bought it entirely for himself. I thought the whole of it was for myself, and that they did not want any portion of it. Mr Debillos has never made out any report on my behalf as the best method of laying out that ground.

Mr Francis—Has he prepared anything on paper showing how the ground should be divided?

Mr Debillos—I have not seen any plan or sketch yet showing how the ground might best be utilized. No other architect has been for me, with reference to this ground. Mr Debillos has prepared plans showing how the ground might be divided, but I cannot remember whether they were finished plans or mere pencil sketches. I saw these plans very shortly after I purchased the ground. I don't think it was in September. Mr Debillos has all these plans in his possession. I saw many of them on the 16th of March this year, in Mr Debillos's office, when we met to discuss the matter. I did not see a finished plan before January. These plans included all the lots, showing terraces, etc. These plans did not leave any portion for the synagogue, they were not marked out by any system, or by any estimate of cost of laying out the ground. I saw unfinished sketches before January, but cannot recollect the date. Mr Debillos gave me nothing written respecting these plans of land before the purchase.

Mr Francis—Now, Mr Debillos, here is a letter dated 21st July, 1896. I enclose herewith Mr Debillos's memorandum in reference to the site. Now, what was it you enclosed? Was it nothing in writing on the subject?

Mr Debillos—I forgot what it refers to.

Mr Francis—Do you remember that the Land Investment Company considered the site?

Mr Debillos—I beg your pardon, Mr Debillos.

Mr Francis—Did not the Land Investment Company in the first instance complain that you had treated the site with reference to the application for these pieces of land?

Mr Debillos—No; they did not complain that I treated them badly.

Mr Francis—Did they complain that they were the aggrieved party?

Mr Debillos—They did.

Mr Francis—Was the first instance when they considered whether they would take proceedings against you with reference to the land?

Mr Debillos—I beg your pardon; there were no proceedings. I don't remember them asking for explanations. The memorandum dated 18th March, 1896, that I I told you that referred to the two upper lots.

Mr Debillos said he applied for the land on his own account, not at Mr Debillos's suggestion. He contemplated buying it in April of that year. The lower site was "utilized"; the ground was in an open state.

Mr Francis put in certain correspondence between Mr Debillos and Mr Pollock, on behalf of the Land Investment Company, and Mr Debillos, and then asked Mr Debillos, my question is that after examining and comparing your statement, Mr Pollock's statement, Mr Hooper's statement, and Mr Debillos's statement, that Mr Debillos came to the conclusion that Mr Debillos had gone to you and suggested to you on the 17th January to apply to the Land Investment Company for the land.

Mr Debillos—No, my Lord, most emphatically not. I was my own idea. After hearing the letters your Lordship will understand the complaints Mr Francis referred to. I have nothing to do with it; it is a question of the architects, Messrs Danby, Palmer and Turner.

Mr Francis—There is a letter, dated 23rd September, from Mr D. Sassoon, which must have been received some time in January, in which he makes a request that a tablet with a certain inscription should be put up in the synagogue. You remember a question being put to the committee after that letter was received, about what date was that?

Mr Debillos—We had two meetings with reference to that letter—the first a few days before the second one. The second one was held on 18th January. At these two meetings I strongly objected to any such tablet or inscription being put up in the new synagogue, and as a result I resigned my position as trustee and refused to have anything to do with the erection of a new synagogue.

Mr Francis asked what passed in a meeting with Mr Debillos on 18th January?

Mr Debillos said—I said, "What are you going to do about that site; are you going to take it or not?"

Mr Francis—Now, Mr Debillos, how could you possibly have asked such a question when you told me on Friday and to-day that on 18th July you bought the trustees had given up the idea that ground, and you bought it entirely for yourself?

Mr Debillos—Because, after I purchased the ground he was coming over now and then to me and telling me to wait, that he might bring things round; that they might take it up, was what I thought. I was not in my power to agree to keep the land open for a year.

Mr Francis—Why not in your power? Mr Debillos—Because, my Lord, I had agreed with the Government in regard to these three sites that I should spend \$28,500, to erect dwellings for the Jews, and I was not in my power to agree to keep the land open for a year.

Mr Francis—How long is it since you signed the agreement for the upper lots?

Mr Debillos—Very nearly eighteen months since.

Mr Francis—Have you spent one cent on these two upper lots yet?

Mr Debillos—Not a cent.

Mr Francis—Have you obtained from the Government any extension of your time for building?

Mr Debillos—Yes, my Lord; I found myself in a fix and have received permission for extension with reference to all these three lots.

Mr Francis—About what day did you apply for that extension of time?

Mr Debillos—Under extraordinary circumstances, my Lord.

Mr Debillos—A letter dated 12th March, 1897, from Mr Debillos to Mr Silas, in which the following passage occurred:—"My arrangements to utilize them (Lots 1282 and 1283, in conjunction with the land below) are too far advanced to permit me making such a concession as to give up the proposed extension of time."

Mr Debillos—Financial arrangements; getting money ready to build these houses. I have no record in my books of these securities, but I have been very busy with my own affairs. I did not realize securities, and did not raise any money for the purpose.

Mr Francis—Did you ever tell anyone of the trustees that you wanted the land Lot No. 1281 for an approach?

Mr Debillos—I told Mr Debillos.

Mr Debillos—Mr Debillos, Mr Debillos.

Mr Debillos said on 13th March he told Silas and the others he wanted the ground for an approach.

Mr Francis then asked a number of questions regarding the erection of a retaining wall between the site carried out for the synagogue and the remainder of the land.

Mr Debillos said if he had been willing to pay the whole cost of the retaining wall the matter would have gone through.

Mr Francis asked if the trustees knew before the 11th March, when the trustees applied for the whole of the lot, that Debillos was to make an approach through the ground?

Mr Debillos—They did not know it. Mr Debillos told them. Mr Debillos knew. My letter of 31st July to Mr Debillos was circulated amongst the Directors of the Land Investment Company, and that letter declared that they would dispose with the formality of taking Customs papers at all, but would clear from the German Consulate.

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or

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Provided always that a bridge or covered way, not exceeding three feet six inches in width, when such is necessary for giving access to buildings in the rear of the property, shall not be deemed an obstruction to such courtyard, backyard, back lane, or other open space within the meaning of this Regulation.

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T. JACKSON, Esq.,  
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To be followed by the  
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H. A. RICHOLIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 2337

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THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.  
1869

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address in full; and same will be received  
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in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office, addressed to the Col-  
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1897. 2371

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
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*City of Peking* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honoluli) THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1898, at noon.

*City of Peking* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honoluli) TUESDAY, Jan. 25, at noon.

THIS U. S. Mail Steamship *PERU*,  
will be despatched for SAN FRAN-  
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portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
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Inland Cities of the United States, via  
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pany's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
Packages will be received at the office until  
5 p.m., same days; and address in full; value  
of goods and weight of packages required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,  
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San  
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, November 27, 1897. 2369

## Mails.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

## NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,  
SUZ, PORT SAID,  
NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK  
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;  
ALSO,  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,  
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,  
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN  
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL  
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LOGGERS.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for the principal places in  
RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
*Bayern*..... Tuesday... December 7.  
*Prinz Heinrich*..... Tuesday... January 4.  
*Preussen*..... Tuesday... February 1.  
*Sachsen*..... Tuesday... March 1.

TO-MORROW, the 7th day of December,  
1897, at 3 a.m., the Company's S.S.  
*LAZERN*, Captain E. FRIEDRICH, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this port as above,  
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon, on SATURDAY, the 4th December,  
Cargo and Specie will be received on  
board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 6th  
December, and Parcel will be received (at  
the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY,  
the 6th December. Contents of Packages  
are required. No Parcel Receipts will be  
signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels  
shall not exceed Two Feet Cubic in  
measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation  
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELOCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1897. 2222

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN,  
EGYPT, MARSEILLES,  
NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP,  
BRUXELLES, LONDON,  
HAVRE, BORDEAUX;  
ALSO  
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 8th December,  
at Noon, the Company's Steamship  
*MELBOURNE*, Captain DURANT, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this port for MAR-  
SEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO  
with the s.s. *Ville de la Ciotat*, which vessel  
takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving  
that Port on the 19th December, direct to  
SUZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 7th December. (Parcels are not to be  
sent on board; they must be left at the  
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are



Mr A. G. Goss	Liaut. von Kester
Mr A. E. Hargraves	H. Capt. & Mrs. Roll
Me and Mrs G. B. Harris	Me & Mrs. Romero
Mrs Harris	Mrs & Mrs. A. Neave
Me Ronald Harris	Mrs Underwood
Me J. Harris	Mr. Krane Wicks
Me Ch. Harrison	Capt. Wittenburg



**Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.**

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked S., in conjunction with the figure denoting the sections.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons net.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agent.	Destination	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>							
Astoria	Elliess	Norw.	etc.	976	Nor.	30 Lautz, Wagoner & Co.	Cos'tan Dock
Baymen	P. Rehn.	Gaz.	str.	31-78	Doe.	5 Melchers & Co.	Europe, &c.
Belgie	Rinder	Amer.	str.	2602	Ny P.	M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco
China	c Schipper	Ger.	str.	1113	Dur.	5 Siemssen & Co.	
Chunshan	Murphy	Brit.	str.	1282	Doe.	4 Bradley & Co.	
Dalla	c Christensen	Ger.	str.	9135	Doe.	5 Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama & Kobe
Empress of Japan	c George	Brit.	str.	694	Ny P.	C. F. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.
Fuji	c Hender	Brit.	str.	1000	Doe.	5 J. M. Marty	
Kiang	c Lant	Chi.	str.	1694	Doe.	20 M. S. N. Co.	
Hoihow	c Smale	Brit.	str.	896	Doe.	4 Butterfield & Swire	
Hohenzoedern	c Blecker	Ger.	str.	2039	Doe.	5 Melchers & Co.	
Hong Leong	c Tripp	Brit.	str.	1171	Doe.	6 Chimese	Amoy & Singapore
Jacob Christensen	c Hansen	Norw.	str.	1058	Doe.	20 Ordre	
Kelbow	c Werall	Brit.	str.	2629	Doe.	5 Holiday, Wise & Co.	
Kien Chow	c Gibson	Brit.	str.	2089	Doe.	4 Order	
Kutsang	c Payne	Brit.	str.	1490	Doe.	5 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta
Loyal	c Lorenson	Ger.	str.	1237	Nov.	20 Carlowitz & Co.	
Ningchow	c Piaget	Ubi.	str.	1400	.....	E. H. Cunningham	
Ousang	c Matlock	Brit.	str.	1787	Doe.	4 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Oriente	c Pulford	rit.	str.	3090	Doe.	5 Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Paiyang	c Kohler	Ger.	str.	953	Doe.	5 Siemssen & Co.	
Pien Ouh Chiom Kiao	c Dilling	Brit.	str.	1013	Doe.	2 Yuen Fat Hong	
Pon Adelaide	c Douglas	Brit.	str.	1711	Doe.	5 Doddwell, Carrill & Co.	Shanghai, &c.
Pronto	c Meyer	Ger.	str.	720	Doe.	3 Siemssen & Co.	
Sishan	c Jones	Brit.	str.	842	Doe.	4 Bradley & Co.	
Smith	c Karat	Dutch	str.	821	Doe.	4 Siemssen & Co.	
Taiwan	c Sawar	Brit.	str.	1395	Doe.	2 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Takung	c Rolfe	Brit.	str.	877	Doe.	4 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok
Tataros	c Cornelius	Brit.	str.	1812	Nov.	27 Siemssen & Co.	
Tasman	c Douglas	Brit.	str.	820	Doe.	4 Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow &c.
Thekla	c Steht	Ger.	str.	2389	Doe.	5 Siemssen & Co.	Singapore
Triumph	c Rieke	Ger.	str.	675	Dan.	5 Jeben & Co.	
Velox	c T. omsson	Ger.	str.	638	Doe.	5 Wieler & Co.	
Yuenang	c Kynoch	Brit.	str.	1106	Doe.	5 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila
Zetro	c Cobban	Brit.	str.	678	Doe.	6 Shawan, Tomas & Co.	
Zweissen	c Nishek	Brit.	str.	941	Doe.	5 Butterfield & Swire	
<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>							
Drumolan	c Smith	Br.	dm. bl.	1820	Nov.	20 Carlowitz & Co.	
Fannie Schoffield	c Vetch	Brit.	bgo.	1068	Sept.	21 Order	
Fred. P. Littlefield	c Hardy	Amer.	lgo.	900	Nov.	30 Order	
Geord C. Toboy	c Shurtly	Amer.	sh.	1300	Nov.	21 Capulin	
James Drumm	c Skewes	Amer.	sh.	1687	Doe.	20-doe	
Lechia	c Santa Perito	Ital.	bgo.	793	Nov.	22 Musso.	
New York	c Pembury	Amr.	sh.	1807	Nov.	11 Shevan, Tomas & Co.	
Peter Rickmers	c Westendorp	Gr.	dm. bl.	3825	Nov.	6 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Sachem	c Nickols	Amer.	bgo.	1297	Nov.	22 Standard Oil Co.	
Serrano	c Waterhouse	Amer.	bgo.	613	Nov.	24 Chinese	
St. Mark	c Dudley	Amer.	sh.	1893	Oct.	2 Standard Oil Co.	
Vega	c Pedersen	Br.	bgo.	683	Oct.	24 Wislar & Co.	
				1893	Order		Cos'tan Dock

Name.	Rtg.	Tons.	Guns.	I. H. F.	Captain.	Where at.
Alberich	destroyer-velocity	1730	10	3000	Commander Smith-Dorrien	Hongkong
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. F. Donville	Swatow
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Hongkong
Danielson*	torpedoer battle ship.	10,300	11	19,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1150	8	3000	Commander Galloway	Nagasaki
Diamond	g.-b. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Shanghai
Strobrand	gunboat 2nd class.	455	2	360		Hongkong
Grafton	two-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. F. Jones	Singapore
Hurdy	torpedo boat destroyer	200	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	200	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespeare	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1610	—	800	Commander Transmore	Nagasaki
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	8990	12	8600	Captain Edward Chibster	Nagasaki
Ipigibia	cruiser 2nd class	3690	8	9000	Lieut. H. T. Dudding	Hongkong
Lianet	gun-velocity 2nd class	755	2	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	8690	12	8400	Com. McAlpine	Nagasaki
Perseus	gunboat 1st class	770	6	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Swatow
Phoenix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Ouchane	Foochow
Pique	gunboat 1st class	710	6	1255	Lieut. Dornier	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3690	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Shanghai
Pluvier	gunboat 1st class.	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Singapore
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3690	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Changhai
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	771	6	1200	Capt. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hakodate
Rodope	gunboat 1st class	800	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Gratton	Yokohama
Sand	gun-velocity 2nd class	755	2	870		Hongkong
Tanager	receiving ship	2047	—	—		Hongkong
Tweed	g.-b. 3rd class coast defence	393	2	200		Hongkong
Undanted	gunboat 1st class	6500	12	8650	Capt. A. O. Clarke	Hongkong
Venor Emanuel	receiving ship	6157	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	Ansoy
Wiverna	coast defence ship, armoured	2760	4	1050		Hongkong

	Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
	American Korploff	Russian cruiser	670	16	9000	Captain Molas	Vladivostok
	Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	7731	18	8000	Captain Kasherinnoff	Nagasaki
	Alcott	Russian gunboat	310	2	730	Captain Petrov	Vladivostok
	Arcton	German cruiser	1640	8	2450	Captain Becker	Shanghai
	Argos	Spanish gunboat	608	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Nagasaki
	Asp	French gunboat	476	3	450	Commander J. de la Roche	Bangkok
	Hayard	French flag ship	7910	12	4500	Commander Juaenet	Chempuloo
	Bongo	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	490	Lt. Comdr. Marques	Hongkong
	Bobbe	Russian sloop	950	2	1160	Captain Boismann	Shanghai
	Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	6	3700	Captain F. Wildes	Honolulu
	Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3280	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
	Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lt.-at. A. Barrera	Manila
	Comete	French gunboat	476	3	600	Lieut. Simons	Manila
	Comorac	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brunsat	Manila
	Dacotter	French cruiser	3988	11	8500	Capt. Bernard	Nagasaki
	Dmitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoft	Vladivostok
	Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Roblin	Manila
	Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
	Eclairneur	French cruiser	1658	8	2950	Capt. Texier	Shanghai
	Elicano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut. Comdr. F. Esandero	Manila
	General Leza	Russian gunboat	900	9	8500	Capt. Serebrennik	Manila
	General Alaga	Spanish troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila
	Graintachy	Spanish gunboat	520	3	600	Lieut. Comdr. R. Benavente	Manila
	Greinatschky	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Buchanoff	Nagasaki
	Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	3930	Commander de Bots	Amoy
	Isla de Cuba	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2300	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
	Isla de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2300	Commander M. Barreto	Manila
	Kaiser	German flag ship	3777	16	6700	Captain Zepp	Kiachuan
	Kongat	Russian sloop	1300	9	2150	Capt. Lindstrom	Yokohama
	Kraker	German sloop	1645	2	1800	Capt. Lefevier	
	Machine	U. S. sloop	1200	8	1600	Commander J. F. Meray	Singapore
	Manila	Spanish transport	1900	2	750	Lieut. Comdr. J. J. Ozama	Manila
	Manidahn	Russian sloop	1910	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Vladivostok
	Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	600	3	650	Lieut. Comdr. de Guzman	Manila
	Moave	German gunboat	600	8	650	Commander Marten	Hongkong
	Moscow	U. S. sloop	1370	8	850	Comdr. O. W. Farnholt	Shanghai
	Olympia	U. S. flag ship	6800	14	17,303	Captain Gridley	Nagasaki
	Oranien	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Goprianoff	Nagasaki
	Pamaj Agora	Russian cruiser	600	16	6000	Captain Virenius	Vladivostok
	Panthos	Austrian cruiser	1642	2	6000	Commander Baron Duchan	Saigon
	Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500		Manila
	Petrel	U. S. gunboat	182	4	1162	Commander E. R. Wood	Foochow
	Princess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	3000	Captain Thiele	Kiachuan
	Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3800	6	3267	Capt. L. Cadore	Amoy
	Rurik	Russian flag ship	10,228	26	18,350	Comdr. Radomoff	Nagasaki
	Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1155	Captain Baticoff	Vladivostok
	Sivotch	Russian cruiser	360	2	1190	Captain Antonoff	Chempuloo
	Surprise	French gunboat	520	3	600		Saigon
	Velasco	Spanish gunboat	1138	10	1600	Commander F. Reboul	Manila
	Vesitch	Russian gunboat	600	11	3500	Capt. Regalia	
	Yushima	Japanese cruiser	12,450	—	—	Commander Arima	Nagasaki
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